

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on December 1, 2009 and attended by Examiner Ralph A. Lewis and Applicant's representative Rabinder Narula and Linus Byström (In-house patent counsel for Assignee of the present application).

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Pending claims

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Cantor (US 2005/0164164)

Proposed Amendments

None.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

The Applicant indicated that the third and fourth inner surface language of claim 65 was in reference to the proximal bore 7a in Figure 1. In regard to the reference to Cantor, Applicant argued that the pending claims in Cantor require the threads of the inner and outer surface have the same pitch, consequently it is claiming a different invention and can be overcome with a 131 declaration.

Results of Interview

The Examiner indicated that the explanation that the third and fourth inner surface language of claim 65 being in reference to the proximal bore 7a in Figure 1 was reasonable and suggested it be formally made of record. The Examiner agreed that the argument that Cantor claims a different invention and can be overcome with a 131 declaration appeared persuasive.